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E.O. 12065: GDS 2-20-85 (AMSTUTZ, J. BRUCE) OR-M
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GIVEN FACT THAT DOBREYNIN'S DENIAL OF SOVIET COMPLICITY AND
AMIN'S BRIEFING OF FOREIGN PRESS (REFTEL) ARE SUBSTANTIALLY
AT VARIANCE WITH OUR FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF AFFAIR, WE
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HANDLING OF FOREIGN
PRESS HERE IN KABUL. TO THE EXTENT WE RESPOND CANDIDLY TO
FURTHER PRESS QUERIES HERE, WE WILL BE DIRECTLY CONTRADICTING
HOST GOVERNMENT AND USSR, AMSTUTZ

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